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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Group Art Unit: 1616
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Serial No.: 09/284,147 MAIL STOP AF
Filed: March 17, 1999
For: HORMONAL COMPOSITION CONSISTING OF AN OESTROGEN
COMPOUND AND OF A PROGESTATIONAL COMPOUND

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 30 and 37-40 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

Claims 1-24 (canceled). /

2 ~~25~~. (previously presented) The method of claim ~~34~~ wherein the estrogen is an ester of estradiol.

Claims 26-27 (canceled). /

3 ~~28~~. (previously presented) The method of claim ~~34~~ wherein the composition contains 1.5 mg of free estradiol by daily dose.

4 ~~29~~. (previously presented) The method of claim ~~34~~ wherein the composition contains 2 mg of ester of estradiol by daily dose.

Claims 30-32 (canceled).

5 ~~33~~. (previously presented) The method of claim ~~34~~ wherein the composition contains 2.5 mg of norgestrel acetate by daily dose.

1 ~~34~~. (currently amended) A method of treating estrogenic deficiencies in post menopausal women while further avoiding the appearance of osteoporosis and withdrawal bleeding, comprising continuously without interruption administering to said women a composition containing from 0.5 to 3 mg of an estrogen selected from the group consisting of free ~~or~~ and esterified estradiol and 1.5 to 3.75 mg of norgestrel acetate by daily dose.

Claim 35 (cancelled) /

6 ~~36~~. (previously presented) The method of claim ~~34~~ wherein the composition is administered orally.

Claims 37-40 (canceled).